

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR BUSY

Stuart, Tucker and Mann Have Their Friends at Work.

REPUBLICANS KEEP QUIET

Waiting to See What the Democrats Do With Liquor Question.

Times-Dispatch Bureau.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.

Virginia here are more interested in the coming primaries of the Democratic party for naming candidates for the State offices than in any other topic of conversation. "Most every one is asking, who will be nominated for Governor? The gubernatorial contest will be the fiercest and then comes the contest for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney-General."

The stock of Henry Carter Stuart has had a boost recently. There is a growing sentiment for him in the rural districts, as is indicated by the attitude of a number of influential weekly papers.

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The action of the Anti-Saloon League at its Norfolk meeting and the decision of the Supreme Court of the State, may help him determine what he will do about entering the primaries. Knowing this, and realizing the forcefulness of the newspaper man from Lynchburg, and being just the least bit afraid that a demand for State-wide prohibition, that hideous nightmare of many Southern Democrats, may break out, the avowed candidates—Messrs. Stuart, Tucker and Mann—and their allies are making hay while the sun shines.

From what I have heard on the streets here from visitors from the State, the decision of the Supreme Court, if it should be in favor of the War law, would throw the fat in the fire.

Slump Says Nothing.

Chairman Slump, the cunning leader of the Republican forces, is on the fence, and the constant smile upon his peaceful face would indicate that he is not worried about the situation. There is a rumor in Washington to the effect that the Republicans may "top" at an early date, declare for State-wide prohibition, and throw down the glove to the Democrats. When asked concerning this story, Mr. Slump laughed, but answered not. But, regardless of their studied indifference, the Republicans are very much interested. Letters from every nook and corner of the State come to the State chairman, and most of them bear information regarding the sentiment in the communities from which they start on the liquor and the poll-tax questions.

"How do you stand on the prohibition issue?" asked Mr. Slump.

"I am instructed to vote for a bill that will prevent the shipment of liquor into dry territory. No such bill has reached the House since I was elected to Congress, but if it comes I am ready to abide by the will of my people," declared he.

That so far as any body here knows, is the present attitude of the Republicans of Virginia on the liquor question. No State convention has made a declaration on the subject.

The Democrats are pledged to local option—the Democratic way—and the three candidates in the field are said to hold similar views on that issue. No sudden turn comes to break the plans already made, this policy will prevail; but there is danger, the politicians admit, in the Norfolk convention and the decision of the Virginia court.

The Minor Contests.

In discussing the minor contests to be settled in the primaries, Representative Flood told me that he was for Robert Catlett, of Lexington, for Attorney-General. The other avowed candidate is Samuel W. Williams, of Wytheville, who was a Bryan elector last year. This contest promises to be lively.

The name of no other person has been prominently mentioned in connection with the honor, and, therefore, it looks now as if Messrs. Catlett and Williams would be the only ones that will run.

J. Taylor Eliason, the incumbent and chairman of the State Executive Committee, of Richmond, and James R. Catlett, of Lexington, are candidates for Lieutenant Governor. This promises to be a spirited fight. Mr. Eliason, it is said, would resign from the chairmanship before starting the campaign. The friends of Mr. Catlett believe that he should do so, that the two would be on the same footing when the race begins.

Joseph D. Eggleston, Superintendent of Public Instruction, is not likely to have any opposition, if one may judge from the gossip here. Messrs. A. W. Harman and G. W. Kolmer, State Treasurer and Commissioner of Agriculture, respectively, will succeed themselves without serious opposition. D. C. Eggleston, Secretary of the Commonwealth, will, it is believed, be nominated without opposition.

H. E. C. BRYANT.

Since receiving the above, Mr. Stuart has given out a statement, which appears in this paper on the first page, announcing his withdrawal from the race.

SCHOONER SINKS

Shallow Waters of Louisiana Lake Lashed to a Fury.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., January 31.—A report has just reached here that a schooner went down late today in Lake Pontchartrain, a few miles off Little Woods, a small town twelve miles northeast of New Orleans, and that the entire crew of several men was lost.

It is believed that the vessel which is reported sunk is the Ramsey, a schooner plying between points on Lake Pontchartrain, Lake Borgne and the Mississippi Sound.

Owing to the fact that all wires to points nearby on the lake shore are down, it has thus far been impossible to absolutely verify the reports.

It is now reported also that the schooner Wilhelm, a vessel of about the same size as the Ramsey, has grounded in Lake Pontchartrain. For the past three days the comparatively shallow waters of Lakes Pontchartrain and Borgne have been whipped to fury by the high winds which have swept down from the north, and it is not improbable that even more damage than reported may have resulted.

BOTH HAVE ACCEPTED

Canada and Mexico Join in the Conservation Conference Movement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 31.—Now that the Canadian and Mexican governments have both formally accepted President Roosevelt's invitation to send delegates to a North American conservation conference here the final arrangements are being rapidly put into shape. The conference will be held probably at the State Department, and will begin on the morning of Thursday, February 15. From present indications the sessions will continue about three days, although the length of the conference will depend very largely upon the desires of the visiting delegates and the thoroughness with which they may wish to go into various questions which will come before the meeting.

Canada and Mexico will each send three delegates. Besides these, the only other present will be the members of the National Conservation Commission and representatives of the State Department and of one or two other departments, which deal with natural resources.

report to President Roosevelt, and it is understood will refute the criticisms that have been made with regard to the dam and its construction. They will inspect Culebra Cut to-morrow.

It is understood that the present canal plans will be approved through-out by the engineers in their report.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft attended the Episcopal church to-day, and later the President-elect received the British minister.

DEFENDS WILLIAM

Book on the "Misunderstood and Misrepresented Emperor."

BERLIN, January 31.—The Puertzen Correspondence, which is read by the Emperor, the Crown Prince, Chancellor Von Buelow and other august personages, announces conspicuously the coming publication of a book entitled "William the Second," which is a strong defense of the Emperor, and exonerates him from the authorship of the famous "Krugger telegram."

The book also represents the Emperor as the scapegoat of an incompetent bureaucracy in the crisis of June, 1905, and in recent months, and is full of special pleading for the "misunderstood and misrepresented Emperor."

The telegram referred to was one sent by the German Emperor to President Kruger on January 3, 1896, in which the Emperor expressed his sincere congratulations on the suppression of the Jameson raid.

PETITION FOR BAIL

Friends of Charles W. Morse Wish His Liberty Pending Appeal.

NEW YORK, January 31.—Announcement was made to-night that friends of Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker, are preparing a petition to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals asking them to admit Mr. Morse to bail pending his appeal from Judge Hough's sentence of fifteen years in the Federal prison at Atlanta for violations of the national banking laws. Mr. Morse at present is in the Tombs prison here.

Seth M. Milliken, once president of the Mercantile National Bank, and James Talcott, commission merchant and capitalist, are heading the movement. Others working in behalf of Mr. Morse are Charles M. Schwab, Edward J. Berwind and ex-Governor Cobb, of Maine.

DEVoured BY LION

Mother Discovers Son Making a Meal Off of Her Child.

BALBOA, CAL., January 31.—A mountain lion, crunching the lifeless and mangled body of her two-year-old boy was the sight that greeted Mrs. Christ Brown last night when she entered the family tent, four miles from the Hotel Delmar, after a short walk.

The mother in despair rushed screaming to the body of her child. The lion growled savagely and slowly out of the rear of the tent, its mouth dripping with the baby's blood, and disappeared. The lion had partly disemboweled the child after slaying it. The Brown family arrived from Delaware two weeks ago.

FROZEN TO DEATH

Body of Negro Is Found in Streets of New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., January 31.—Having frozen to death, the body of John Washington, a negro, was found in a gutter in Burgundy Street early to-day. This is the first instance of the kind to occur in New Orleans in many years.

The coldest weather of the season has been experienced here within the past twenty-four hours, the temperature being 25 degrees at 7 o'clock this morning.

NEW LIQUOR BILL

Representative Langley Seeks to Prevent Shipments to Dry States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 31.—Representative Langley, of Kentucky, will introduce Monday the Interstate Liquor bill prepared by the Anti-Saloon League of America, to obviate the objection of unconstitutionalality urged against the Littlefield bill.

The objection of the Littlefield bill was that it made interstate shipments of liquor subject to State laws upon crossing the boundary. This was claimed by its opponents to be an attempted delegation of congressional power, and, therefore, unconstitutional. The new measure prohibits the shipment of liquor to any State, Territory or district of the United States, where such shipment could not legally be made within same. It is designed to protect both prohibition States and dry territory within local option States.

TELEPHONE CONTEST

Cumberland Company Operates in Louisville Without a Franchise.

LOUISVILLE, KY., January 31.—So far as the City Council is concerned, the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company has been operating in Louisville without a franchise since January 25, when the Council passed an ordinance repealing a perpetual franchise which the company procured twenty-three years ago, and when a twenty-five-year franchise held by that company also expired by limitation.

The contest is entirely over telephone rates. A new ordinance recently passed makes \$5.50 the monthly rate for a business telephone. The Cumberland Company charges \$5 a month.

TAKE WIDE RANGE

Many Witnesses in Alleged Oklahoma Land Fraud Cases.

MUSKOGEE, OKLA., January 31.—Witnesses from Nashville, Tenn., who are called to testify before the Federal grand jury in the alleged land lot fraud investigation began arriving today. Persistent report has it that the investigation is taking a wide range, and that surprises may be expected when the jury reports.

Ohio witnesses will be the last examined. Indictments will be asked for conspiracy under three heads, namely: Conviction of government representatives in allowing lots to be sold to "dummies"; knowledge of dummies, that their names were used for fraud, and the attempt of a few well-to-do in the names of dummies to have all the lots quit claimed for their benefit.

ON WORLD TRAMP

Family Arrives in Pittsburgh After Terrible Storm Experience.

PITTSBURGH, PA., January 31.—After facing the worst blizzard of the year for two days of their journey across the Allegheny Mountains, Karl and Mollie, a wife and two little daughters, aged eight and ten years, tramped into Pittsburgh to-night. They left Philadelphia January 15 on a winter trip around the world on a wagon.

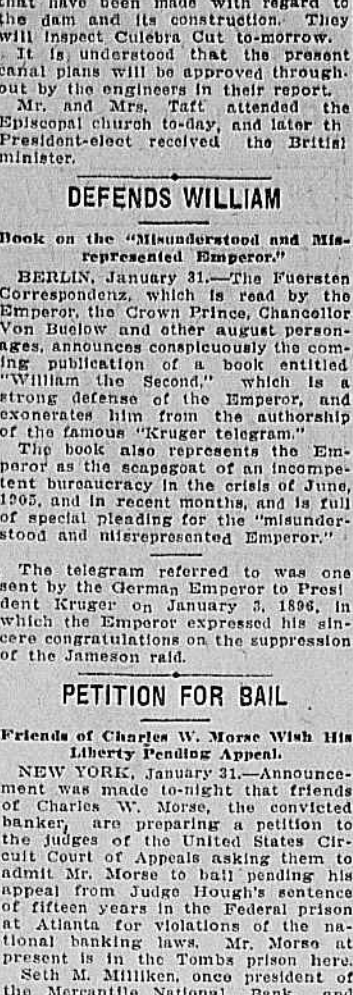
"The little girls are standing the trip much better than their mother," said Mollie.

GATUN ALL RIGHT

Engineers Examine Dam and Will So Report to President.

PANAMA, January 31.—The engineers who accompanied President-Elect Taft to the isthmus, and who have been examining the canal construction, spent today at Gatun with the chief engineer of the canal, Lieutenant-Colonel Goetzels. After close investigation they had no fault to find with the natural foundations for the dam, and they regarded the plans for safeguarding the dam as being complete in every respect. They will make a

QUEEN OF SOCIETY



LADY ARTHUR PAGET.

Although born an American, her sway over English society is undisputed.

preparing for the cruise with the squadron that is to welcome the battleship fleet on its return from its trip around the world, steamed out to sea to-day.

Sealed orders for the warship came yesterday, and some electrical work on hand was hurried so that the ship could get away to-day. The destination of the New Hampshire or the reason for the apparent hurry orders were not made public here.

HYPONOTIZED ON A TRAIN

Miss Gerber Tells Strange Story Involving Fellow-Passenger.

ALLENTOWN, PA., January 31.—Declaring in her lucid moments that she had been hypnotized by a strange man whom she met on a railroad train on her way here from Chicago, Miss Alice Gerber is suffering from a form of hysteria which is puzzling the doctors.

Miss Gerber says she is engaged to marry Charles Burnett, a wealthy resident of Boston, and that she was on her way to that city, where the wedding was set for next Wednesday, but decided to stop off here to see her brother, Morris Gerber. She arrived in Allentown yesterday, and went to the theatre in the evening with her brother and his fiancée. After the performance, while waiting for a trolley car, Miss Gerber suddenly became hysterical. She was taken into a nearby drug store and a physician summoned. When she regained composure she said that on her way to this city she had met a strange man on the train, and that he had exerted an influence over her that rendered her highly nervous.

ESQUIMAUX WALLEPS JAPANESE.

Fought for Hours on Revenue Cutter Over Merits of Respective Countries.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., January 31.—A heated controversy over the relative merits of their respective governments between a Japanese and an Alaskan Esquimaux led to a desperate fight between the two on board the revenue cutter McCulloch, where both are employed. The Japanese taunted the Esquimaux with being a son of a flagless nation, and the result was a fight which lasted for hours before the combatants were separated.

The Japanese was badly battered. He was fined half a month's pay for applying epithets to the United States.

TRIVIAL AFFAIR.

BERKELEY, CAL., January 31.—That the alleged attack upon K. K. Kawano, a Japanese student at the University of California on the university campus

PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLY

Governor-General Depletes Gulf Between Americans and Filipinos.

MANILA, February 1.—The Philippine assembly opened to-day, with simple ceremony. President Osmeña presiding. The first business to come before the body was the annual message to the assembly by Governor-General James F. Smith.

Governor Smith deplored the growing rift between the Americans and the Filipinos in the Philippines, and strongly urged that they draw closer together and act in unity for the best interests of both. His message sharply criticized the municipal government of Manila and the municipal police force, the personnel of which he said was not equal to that of the public servants of the city.

The provincial government Governor Smith pronounced to be entirely satisfactory. The annual report on the revenues of the island shows a decline of about \$500,000 for 1908, under the figures of 1907.

Will Carry Out Pledge.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 31.—The Democratic State Committee at a local option held to enter the Indiana General Assembly. It is said the sentiment of the meeting to-night was that the plating of the local campaign should be fulfilled as far as it is within the power of the Democrats in the Legislature to do so. It will be the purpose of a committee appointed to-night to bring the question of repealing the local option law into line, and a determined campaign with that end in view, it is announced, will be begun at once.

May Reach Agreement.

THE HAGUE, January 31.—Jose de J. Paul, the envoy of Venezuela, who is visiting Europe in an endeavor to settle the outstanding differences between his country and Holland and France, started to-day for Brussels.

He says he believes that an agreement between Holland and Venezuela soon will be reached.

Avalanche in Morocco.

CEUTA, MOROCCO, January 31.—Native accounts of the avalanche which occurred recently at Romara say it came during the night, and was preceded by loud subterranean noises.

DIDN'T KNOW.

Coffee Was the Cause.

Many daily labors, particularly of eating and drinking are formed by following our elders.

In this way ill health is often fastened upon children. A Ga. lady says: "I had been allowed to drink coffee ever since I can remember, but even as a child I had a weak stomach, which frequently refused to retain food."

"The taste of coffee was in my mouth all the time and, as I found out later, the cause of the stomach rebelling against food."

"I now see that it was only from following the example of my elders that I formed and continued the miserable habit of drinking coffee. My digestion remained poor, nerves unstrung, frequent headaches, and yet I did not suspect the true cause."

"Another trouble was a bad, muddy complexion, for which I spent time and money for creams, massage, etc., with no results."

"After I was married I was asked to try Postum, and would you believe it, I, an old coffee toper, took to Postum from the very first. We made it right according to directions on the pkg. and it had a most delicate flavor and I at once quit coffee, with the happiest results."

"I now have a perfectly clear, smooth skin, fine digestion, and haven't had a headache in over a year. The loss is estimated at \$500,000. In the Hotel Paez sixty American tourists escaped with only the clothes they wore. No lives were lost."

Neerows Indignant.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., January 31.—The Springfield Law and Order League, an organization of negroes, to-day met and adopted resolutions severely condemning the Lincoln Centennial Association for excluding negroes from the celebration to be held in Springfield on the anniversary of the 100th birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

Earthquake in Spain.

LISBON, January 31.—Slight earthquake, accompanied by subterranean rumblings, have occurred in the region near Beja. No damage has been done.

Japan's Phones.

Nippon is progressive in everything but a telephone system. The American people would not put up with such a system as we have for more than a week. In the first place, it is hard to get a connection under fifteen minutes to half an hour. A great many people who would like to have a telephone in shops and residences cannot be accommodated. In the government is about three to four years behind in filling orders. I waited two weeks for the telephone in my residence. Finally one of my neighbors died, whose family wanted the telephone disconnected. I had to pay a large premium in order to be switched onto that connection. Takayama Yoshida, in Wall Street Sunday.

WARRANT TO BRING SON.

Thought That Shame Would Keep Young Lawyer from Mother's Warrant.

CHICAGO, January 31.—A warrant charging a larceny of \$4,000, but really designed to bring B. F. Morris, a young attorney of New York, to the bedside of his dying mother, was sworn out here to-day.

"Morris will not be prosecuted," explained George H. Fowler, assistant New York lawyer, who made the application to the court. "He is charged with taking \$4,000 from his mother, but he is believed to be dying and her one desire is to see her boy before it is too late."

"I am sure it is; he would be too ashamed to visit her. He must make him," declared Mr. Fowler.

The paper was accordingly issued and search for Morris begun.

Lincoln Centennial.

LOUISVILLE, KY., January 31.—Only those people who can act on the modest plan of the Lincoln Centennial, on February 12, the exercises commemorating the centenary of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

The program includes addresses by Mr. Roosevelt; by Governor Folk, as head of the Lincoln Fair; by Governor Anderson; by Governor E. W. Wilson, on behalf of Kentucky; by James E. Wilson, for the soldiers of the Union, and by General Luke E. Wright, Secretary of War, for the soldiers of the Confederacy.

Politics in China.

LONDON, February 1.—A special dispatch to the Times from Peking, declares that since the death of the Dowager Empress it has become increasingly evident that the government is in the hands of the regent and the Manchus, and that the palace is becoming a hotbed of party faction.

Fire in Mexico.

MEXICO CITY, January 31.—Fire destroyed the City Hall, the Hotel Paez and two blocks of business houses and dwellings here to-day. The loss is estimated at \$500,000. In the Hotel Paez sixty American tourists escaped with only the clothes they wore. No lives were lost.

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Small Fire on Chestnut Hill.

A small fire occurred in the home of Mr. R. F. Hudson, 217 Fourth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, this morning at 2:30 o'clock. The fire was caused by a gas stove in the kitchen. It was extinguished by the fire department. The loss was slight.

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BACK'S VOICE

Is the joy of the household, for without it no happiness can be complete. Angels smile at and commend the thoughts and aspirations of the mother bending over the cradle.